

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2245–2247. **Page 728**

Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure. **Pages S697–98, S706–20**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the order of February 2, 2006, a vote on cloture will occur at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. **Page S718**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. **Page S731**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2007; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM–36) **Pages S724–25**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Benedict S. Cohen, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

Todd S. Farha, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2006.

Todd S. Farha, of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

Robert M. McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2004.

Mauricio J. Tamargo, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 2009.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

21 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:14 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S731.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HURRICANE KATRINA

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed a hearing to examine Hurricane Katrina response issues, focusing on managing law enforcement and communications in a catastrophe, pre-landfall preparation, post-landfall deployment, the Wireless Priority Service (WPS), and the state of law and order during the crisis, receiving testimony from Michael J. Vanacore, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, Office of International Affairs, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Peter M. Fonash, Deputy Manager